STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7751

Joint Petition of Vermont Transco LLC, Vermont)
Electric Power Company, Inc., and Central)
Vermont Public Service Corporation for a certificate)
of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A.)
§ 248, authorizing the construction of the "Ascutney)
Substation Project" consisting of a new 115 kV)
substation and associated tie line located in the Town)
of Weathersfield, Vermont)

Order entered: 9/22/2011

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER

On July 22, 2011, Vermont Transco LLC and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (collectively, "VELCO") and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") filed a petition with the Public Service Board ("Board"), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248, to construct a 115 kV substation and associated tie line in Weathersfield, Vermont.

On August 31, 2011, I held a prehearing conference in this Docket. Appearances were entered by Kimberly Hayden, Esq., Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, on behalf of VELCO; Morris Silver, Esq., on behalf of CVPS; Megan Ludwig, Esq., on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service; and Judith Dillon, Esq., on behalf of the Agency of Natural Resources.

On September 19, 2011, VELCO filed a proposed schedule that includes both a settlement track and a litigated track. I adopt the schedule, with the modification set forth below. The date for submitting a stipulation or prefiled testimony from non-petitioners is a federal holiday. I have moved the deadline forward by one day. If that presents scheduling problems for parties, they should file a request to modify the schedule.

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SCHEDULE

Discovery on Petitioners	September 19, 2011	
Petitioner response to discovery	within 14 days	
Site visit and public hearing	October 4, 2011	
Deadline for motions to intervene	October 11, 2011	
Replies to motions to intervene	one week after the motion is filed	
Second Round of Discovery on Petitioners	October 21, 2011	
Petitioner response to discovery	within 14 days	

Settlement Schedule

Settlement Memorandum of Understanding	November 10, 2011
and joint proposal for decision	
Technical hearing	week of November 21, 2011

Litigation Schedule

Non-petitioners file direct testimony	November 10, 2011
Discovery on non-petitioners, with	November 18, 2011
responses due within 21 days	
Petitioners file rebuttal testimony	December 13, 2011
Discovery on rebuttal, with responses due	December 20, 2011
within 21 days	
Non-petitioners file surrebuttal testimony	January 13, 2012
Discovery on surrebuttal, with responses	January 18, 2012
due within 21 days	
Technical hearing	Week of February 8, 2012
Briefs	February 20, 2012
Reply briefs	February 27, 2012

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For the purposes of this Docket, parties need to file only one copy of all discovery correspondence with the Board and an original and three copies of all other filings. Electronic filings with the Board, in addition to the hard copies, are also requested, to the extent possible, particularly for testimony, exhibits, and briefs. An electronic filing may be submitted as an attachment to an e-mail, sent to psb.clerk@state.vt.us, or for larger documents it may be on a CD or DVD delivered along with the paper copy. Parties need file only a single copy of the CD or DVD. Parties filing electronic versions of documents may file them in WordPerfect, Word, .rtf., or .pdf (Adobe) formats. Parties filing in .pdf format should make sure that their documents are not locked, that is, that text can be selected and copied from their documents.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier,	Vermont, this	$22^{\rm nd}$	day of	September	, 2011.

s/Edward McNamara
Edward McNamara, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: September 22, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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